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SUBJECT: REPORT OF U.S. DELEGATION TO SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION
COMMITTEES

1. THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE (P & E) OF THE SOUTH
PACIFIC COMMISSION (SPC) HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN THE SPC
HEADQUARTERS IN NOUMEA 22 - 26 MAY 1978. DURING THE SAME PERIOD
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THE COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS
(CRPG) MET TO REVIEW THE BUDGET. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED
OF AMBASSADOR JOHN P. CONDON, DELEGATE, PROFESSOR VERNON MUND,
ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND BILL BODDE, DEPUTY DRECTOR OF ANP OF THE
STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE RICHARD GATES AND THE FIJI DELEGATE

BAMOLA WERE ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE P&E COMMITTEE. THE CRPG WAS CHAIRED BY THE U.S. DELEGATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPC SYSTEM OF ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP OF THAT COMMITTEE.

3. THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS REACHED BY CONSENSUS BY CRPG INCLUDED:

A. 1979 CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPC. REDUCED THE SPC PROJECTED INCREASE FOR THE 1979 CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS FROM 15 TO 12 PERCENT OVER THE AMOUNT ASSESSED FOR 1978. ACCORDINGLY THE AMOUNT USG WILL BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE FOR 1979 WILL BE \$499,382. THE IDEA OF THE REDUCTION WAS INITIATED AND INSISTED UPON BY THE UK DELEGATE SECONDED ONLY BY WESTERN SAMOA. THE REMAINING DELEGATES WHILE INTERESTED IN AN EXPLANATION FOR THE 15 PERCENT INCREASE PROJECTED BY SPC WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER IT IF A CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF IT SEEMED POSSIBLE.

B. SPC BUILDING. APPROVED THE SPC THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE PARTIAL RENOVATION OF THE SPC HEADQUARTERS WHICH IN THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN FOUND IN GREAT NEED OF REPAIR WORK.

C. WORK SURVEY. DIRECTED THAT THE EXPERT'S REPORT ON CLASSIFICATION AND RATES OF PAY IN EFFECT IN SPC BE FULLY DOCUMENTED TO INCLUDE RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE CRPG TO MAKE MEANINGFUL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SPC OCTOBER CONFERENCE. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PRACTICE OF CONTINUING THE PAYMENT OF AN EXPATiation ALLOWANCE TO PERSONNEL EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.

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D. SPC SECRETARY GENERAL POSITION NOTED THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SEC. GEN EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 1978 AND THAT SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AT SPC HEADQUARTERS. FIJI GOVERNMENT HAS MADE KNOWN ITS READINESS TO MAKE DR. SALATO AVAILABLE IF HIS SERVICES WERE REQUIRED AND DR. SALATO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AN REAPPOINTMENT.

E. ACCESSION TO CANBERRA AGREEMENT. ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF ACCESSION TO THE CANBERRA AGREEMENT BY NON-INDEPENDENT TERRITORIES WAS DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY. THE AUSTRALIAN REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS TO AMEND THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PAR. 66, ARTICLE XXI OF THE CANBERRA AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED NEW TEXT:

"ANY GOVERNMENT, ALL THE TERRITORY OF WHICH IS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE II, MAY ACCEDE TO THIS AGREEMENT, IF IT IS INVITED TO DO SO BY ALL PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS, BY DEPOSITING AN INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA."

THE UK DELEGATE FOUND THE DRAFT UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT DID NOT EXPLICITLY REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE ADMINISTERING POWER. HE DID NOT ACCEPT THE INTERPRETATION THAT THIS REQUIREMENT WAS IMPLICIT IN THE FORMULA "IF IT IS INVITED TO DO SO BY ALL PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS."

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THE FRENCH DELEGATE DMITTED THAT HE HAD MORE OF A PROBLEM BUT AVOIDED ANY EXPRESSIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TEXT. HE PLEADED INSTEAD FOR MORE TIME TO STUDY THE QUESTION. THE ISLAND DELEGATES (FIJI, WESTERN SAMOA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, NAURU) DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE (IN FACT THEY SEEMED DISINTERESTED) WHICH ENABLED THE COMMITTEE TO AGREE QUICKLY TO A "REQUEST TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE A FULLER REPORT TO THE EIGHTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS."

4. THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE P & E COMMITTEE FOLLOW:

A. MACHINERY FOR PROJECT EVALUATION. RECOGNIZED NEED FOR MORE SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S PROJECTS AND RECOMMENDED THAT EACH YEAR P & E IDENTIFY ONE SPECIFIC PROJECT TO BECOME THE SUBJECT OF A THOROUGH EVALUATION. IT SELECTED FOR 1979
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THE INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM PROJECT. ALSO IN 1979 THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED CRITIQUE OF THE 1978 PROGRAM.

B. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE COMPOSITE RESOLUTION OF THE NAURU MEETING OF 21 AND 22 MARCH, 1978 AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE EIGHTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ON THE MATTERS RAISED IN PART D OF THE COMPOSITE RESOLUTION.

AFTER CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF WRITING TO ADB TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF ADB' LETTER OF 13 JANUARY 1978 THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO SIMPLY INVITE ADB TO ATTEND 18TH SPC CONFERENCE.

C. 1979 WORK PROGRAM. BASED ON CRPG CONTRIBUTION PROJECTIONS THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE 18TH SPC CONFERENCE A 3-YEAR WORK PROGRAM INVOLVING FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES FOR 1978: 241,596,800 CFP, 1980: 260,898,100 CFP, 1981: 252,320,700 CFP.

D. COMMITTEE MADE SEVERAL IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE PRESENTATION OF WORK PROGRAM PROPOSALS. THESE INCLUDED: LISTING PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR WORK PROGRAM AND REVENUES; REPORT AS A SEPARATE ITEM AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING; EMPHASIZED PROJECTS WITH REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO MEMBER COUNTRIES WELL IN ADVANCE; DEVELOP INTEGRATED WORK PROGRAM IN TERMS OF PROBLEM AREAS AND NOT OF PROGRAM OFFICERS; PROVIDE FOR TRAINING OF ISLANDERS IN COUNTERPART POSITIONS; INCLUDE STATISTICS OF TRADE WITH JAPAN AND HONG KONG ETC.

E. CHAIRMAN OF THE P & E COMMITTEE. THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR P & E WERE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT AT EACH P & E MEETING A GOVERNMENT OR TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION WILL BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE SUCCEEDING MEETING. THE INTENT WAS OBVIOUSLY TO ENABLE THE CHAIRMAN TO PREPARE HIMSELF IN ADVANCE FOR HIS ROLE IN THE COMMITTEE GIVEN ITS WIDE SCOPE AND TECHNICAL NATURE OF SOME OF THE PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW. IN IMMEDIATE APPLICATION OF THE NEW RULE SOLOMON ISLANDS WERE RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE CHAIRMAN WHILE THE U.S. IS TO PROVIDE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

5. COMMENT: THE U.S. DELEGATION CAME AWAY IMPRESSED BY THE DEPTH AND SOPHISTICATION WITH WHICH THE SPC DELEGATES REVIEWED THE PROPOSED SPC ACTION PROGRAMS. THEY ASSESSED EACH ONE IN TERMS OF RELEVANCE TO THE NEEDS OF THE ISLANDS AND IN TERMS OF THEIR REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND USEFULNESS. THEY TOOK A CRITICAL VIEW OF THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS LABELLED AS "CONFERENCES" UNLESS THEY WERE SHARPLY FOCUSED ON A SPECIFIC SUBJECT AND WERE SO DESIGNED AS TO PROJECT FOLLOWUP ACTION.

7. WESTERN SAMOA AND FIJI LED THE EXPRESSION OF CRITICISM OF THE CURRENT APPROACH TO THE DESIGNING AND PRESENTATION OF PROGRAMS

AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC, EVEN IF SELECTIVE, EVALUATION OF PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN THE PRECEDING YEAR. FIJI PRESENTED ITS VIEWS IN THE FORM OF A PAPER WHICH WAS CIRCULATED TO THE COMMITTEE AS DID A SUMMARY OF THE ORAL PRESENTATION MADE BY THE DELEGATE OF WESTERN SAMOA. THE SUGGESTIONS SUMMARIZED IN PARA. 4A ABOVE WERE BASED ON THESE TWO PAPERS.

7. WHILE A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND A REGIONAL FRAME OF MIND WERE THE DOMINANT ELEMENTS OF THE P & E AMBIANCE SOME EVIDENCE OF TENSION AMONG THE ISLANDS CAME TO THE SURFACE DURING THE REVIEW OF THE PROJECTED PROJECTS. THE SMALLER ISLANDS STATES HAVE THE FEELING THAT THE LARGER STATES (PNG AND FIJI) GET MORE THAN THEIR SHARE FROM THE SPC RESOURCES. ACCORDINGLY THEY ANALYZED CRITICALLY EVERY PROJECT THAT APPEARED TO BENEFIT ONLY THE LARGER ISLANDS. THE POSITIVE ASPECT OF THIS SENSITIVITY WAS THAT IT REINFORCED THE DEMAND FOR A REGIONAL DIMENSION OF ALL SPC PROJECTS.
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